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SUBJECT: INDICATIONS OF RELAXATION OF JUNTA GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD POLITICAL PRISIONERS

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HE IS USUALLY RELIABLE.

1. E COMMENT: F PRESS REPORTED THAT ON 9 SEPTEMBER THE GOVERNMENT RELEASED ORLANDO LETELIER, FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE ALLENDE REGIME, AND THAT HE DEPARTED IMMEDIATELY FOR CARACAS, VENEZUELA. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE RELEASE WAS ARRANGED BY DIEGO D E A R R I A, GOVERNOR OF CARACAS AND RIGHT-HAND MAN OF VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES P E R E Z WHO ARRANGED THE RELEASE DIRECTLY WITH JUNTA PRESIDENT AUGUSTO P I N O C H E T AND WHO TRAVELLED WITH LETELIER TO VENEZUELA.) BFAll. orig + 0

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19 MAR 1980
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A CONCURRENT WITH LETELIER'S RELEASE THE GOVERNMENT

FREED OSVALDO P U C C I O, ADMINISTRATIVE

ASSISTANT TO FORMER PRESIDENT SALVADOR A L L E N D E WHO

WAS DETAINED AT RITOQUE. [redacted]

3. [redacted] SEVERAL OTHER PRISONERS AT RITOQUE

HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME UNDER HOUSE ARREST. [redacted]

4. [redacted] HOPE THAT IN LIGHT OF

THE FOREGOING EVENTS, WHICH THEY VIEW AS A RELAXATION OF THE

GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL PRISONERS,

THE CHARGES [redacted] MAY BE DROPPED. [redacted]

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5. [redacted] LETELIER [redacted] B
✓ [redacted] B [redacted] OWED HIS FREEDOM TO A LONGTIME FRIENDSHIP WITH DE
ARRIA. [redacted] B [redacted] DE ARRIA IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH
SEVERAL CHILEAN EXILES IN CARACAS [redacted] A
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